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Letter dated 21 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, and in the capacity of Uganda as the host to the Tripartite Plus Joint Commission held in Kampala on 21 October 2005, I have the honour to attach herewith a letter jointly signed and addressed to you by the Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation of the Republic of Burundi, the Minister for Regional Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda, and the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uganda; with a request that it be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

Also attached is a recommendation for the amendment of the draft resolution for renewal of the MONUC mission, now under consideration by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if this letter and the Ministers' joint letter including its attachment were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Francis K. **Butagira**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex to the letter dated 21 October 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Uganda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

21 October 2005

We, the Ministers of the Partner States of the Tripartite Plus Joint Commission, meeting at Kampala, Uganda, on 20 and 21 October 2005, after evaluation of the security situation in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo,

- concerned at the refusal of the armed groups operating in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo to voluntarily disarm
- aware that the activities of these armed groups are detrimental to regional peace and security and endanger the electoral process in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- noting that despite the best efforts of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, it has effectively reached the limits of voluntary disarmament
- considering that the current MONUC mandate has not adequately addressed the need to track, contain and disarm said groups
- noting the need to build capacity of the armed forces and national police of the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- concerned that, because of the lack of a strong mandate, MONUC is not perceived as a credible threat by the armed groups,

hereby make recommendation to the United Nations Security Council regarding the renewal of the mandate of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We propose that the draft resolution be strengthened to emphasize the necessity to address the following:

(i) Identifying by name all armed groups currently operating in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo;

(ii) Disarmament, using all necessary means, of all armed groups and militias in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo;

(iii) Redoubling the efforts of the donor community to support the integration, training and equipping of Democratic Republic of the Congo armed forces and national police.

Find enclosed our recommendations for amendment of the draft resolution for renewal of the MONUC mission, now under consideration by the Security Council. We hereby request that the President of the Security Council circulate this document and its attachment as a document of the Security Council.

For the Republic of Burundi:
(*Signed*) Antoinette **Batumubwira**
Minister of External Relations and International Cooperation

For the Democratic Republic of the Congo:
(*Signed*) Mbusa **Nyamwisi**
Minister for Regional Cooperation

For the Republic of Rwanda:
(*Signed*) Charles **Murigande**
Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

For the Republic of Uganda:
(*Signed*) Sam K. **Kutesa**
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Attachment

Authorizes MONUC to use all necessary means, within its capabilities and in the areas where its armed units are deployed, to disarm any armed group, foreign or Congolese, that operates in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, to include but not limited to the ex-FAR and Interahamwe, PRA, ADF/NALU, MRC, FLEC, LRA, FNL/Palipehutu, and all other armed groups who have a verifiable record of attacking civilians, threatening the political process, or are on the international terrorist list or listed as international terrorist organizations;

Calls on the donor community to redouble its efforts in the provision of assistance needed for the integration, training and equipping of the armed forces and of the national police of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and urges the Government of National Unity and Transition to work with its friends to facilitate and expedite cooperation to this end.